

SIERRA – SAN JOAQUIN NOXIOUS WEED ALLIANCE
Fresno, Madera, Mariposa Counties Weed Management Area

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10th, 2001

Agenda Overview:

1. Introductions
 2. Minutes/Agenda Approval
 3. 3rd Annual WMA Meeting
 4. Education Outreach – Brochures, Workshops
 5. Senate Bill 1740 – Updates and progress reports for each project/county
 6. Items for next agenda
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1. **Attendees:** Joanna Clines, Sierra National Forest; Jenny Gabor, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Madera; Gary Hickman, UC Extension in Mariposa; Denis Griffin, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Fresno; Donald Meyeda, Madera County Ag. Department; Terry Sandridge, Sierra Resource Conservation District/Southern Cal Edison; Roscoe Rowney, California Department of Forestry and Fire, Johnie Collum, Cal Trans District 6; Jeannine Koshear, Dept. of Parks and Recreation-State Parks
 2. **Minutes/Agenda Approval:** Minutes were approved by the committee for the September meeting. The final draft will be sent to Peggy Moore who will forward them to the CDFA web master at www.cdfa.ca.gov/wma as a PDF file. A copy will also be mailed to the Sierra-San Joaquin Noxious Weed Alliance membership.
 3. **3rd Annual WMA Meeting:** Joanna reported on the annual WMA meeting in Woodland. Topics covered at the meeting were funding, education and awareness, how to keep 'em coming to the meetings, mapping and planning, control and eradication and regional breakout groups. The regional breakout groups discussed local issues and how they are handled in each weed management area. The Southern/Central Weed Management Areas will meet in Bakersfield in November to discuss weed free feed issues and Cal Trans methods of weed control on the highways.
 4. **SB 1740 Year 2/3 updates:**

The year 2/3 funding proposal has been submitted to CDFA for review. Supplemental funding was requested. We are waiting to hear if we are granted the supplemental funds.

Joanna suggested all participants keep good record of ALL in-kind services involving the SB-1740 funds to ease year-end reporting. Tasks such as phone calls, copying, and landowner contacts should be considered.

The WMA requested 2 copies of the ARCVIEW computer program for Madera and Mariposa counties.

Fresno County:
PAT Group: Terry reported the PAT group has done GPS mapping on treated areas. Shaver Springs and Linson Lane areas will need to be retreated.
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4. **Education Outreach:**
Top 10 Noxious Weed Brochures: The WMA will reprint more brochures with 2002 - SB1740 funds.

New Weed ID Booklets This project using National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant will be discussed at a later meeting.

Workshops: Jenny Gabor reported Coarsegold RCD will be giving a workshop titled “Living Among the Oaks” on November 8th at the North Fork Town Hall. Noxious weeds will be one of the topics discussed at the workshop. There will be a potential cooperative spray program in the area for the landowners that will be discussed. Yellow starthistle will be the primary weed discussed.

Misc.

Jenny has also joined Chowchilla-Red Top RCD and Madera County in the effort to educate landowners and eradicate arundo in Chowchilla and Madera waterways. They have joined forces with Team Arundo Del Norte to partner and get funding from a Cal Fed grant

A video “Yellow Starthistle – Managing an Invasive Alien Species was viewed by the committee.

Denis Griffin reported sightings of scarlet wisteria on the San Joaquin River near VanNess Avenue. Contacts will be made by committee members to find out if any work is being done on this weed.

6. **Dates to remember:**
- Oct 13 & 14 Harvest and Arts Festival at Intermountain Nursery**
 - November 8 – Living Among the Oaks Workshop, Coarsegold RCD**
 - November 2001 – Southern/Central WMAs will meet in Bakersfield**

Future agenda items: GIS and GPS with a data standards committee
Brochures – Development of new publication

- To be in WMA Web site:**
1. Meeting Minutes dating back to April 1998
 3. Monitoring Standards (revised by Peggy)
 4. Brochures
 5. Directions and contact(Joanna) to meeting
 6. Workshop, meeting and important dates
 7. Additions to CDFa calendar with all meetings and events
 8. Newspaper article from Mountain Press